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Britain's Serfs

THOUSANDS of Britain's youth are being taught how to become perfect serfs. The method is Y.T.S. and Y.O.P.S. They are being trained to accept strict discipline and the acceptance of menial jobs for menial wages. You've just to see the Japanese robots being computerised by large Japanese Companies. If Japanese people are being computerised, there's no reason why British youth should suffer the same fate.

The British Fuehrer Mad Maggie is determined to turn our sons and daughters into robots. Do you want your sons and daughters turned into robots? We hope not! A robotic British youth is equivalent to Hitler's Youth Movement. The Japanese youth are equivalent to Hitler's youth movement.

If your family are not aware of these dangers it's up to you to point out them. All of us had family members who fought in the Second World War to prevent this happening. Was their effort in vain? We hope not. If you still do nothing, you are saying Hitler has won.

**YOUR FAMILY FOUGHT AND DIED IN VAIN.
HITLER HAS BEEN REPLACED BY THATCHER**

Only you can say to your kids you are not going on any Y.T.S. or Y.O.P.S. scheme. Serfdom was officially made illegal centuries ago. It's up to you and your kids. Act now. Refuse to cooperate in all Y.T.S. and Y.O.P. schemes.

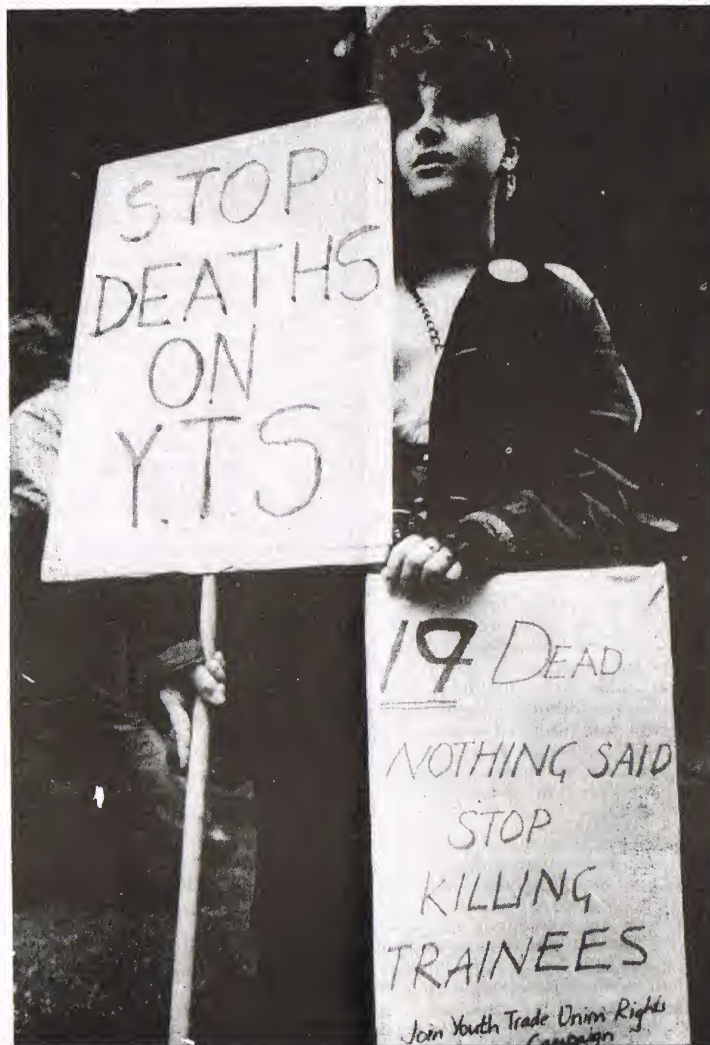
Freedom Thatcher Style

REMEMBER Mad Mike Heseltine (Thatcher's personal Action Man) overseeing his uniformed thugs while they were building a 7½ mile fence around the Cambridgeshire village of Molesworth?

He is going to issue passes to villagers. No pass or permission means no entry to villagers. The village will be under permanent siege by the military. Who says Cruise missiles are there to guard our freedom?

The people in Molesworth are about to sample what Maggie and Mike mean by freedom. Not only that, these uniformed thugs have been told you can shoot and kill trespassers as you like. No action will be taken against you.

Dangerous people like the Quakers recently were attacked by these thugs. Care for a holiday in Molesworth... or should I say Belsen?



■ HOW MANY MORE MUST DIE?

Remember all military establishments will end up with Molesworth type 'freedom'. It's now time to tell the military (Navy, Army, R.A.F.) British or Yankee to go to hell. Get away from our town or village. We don't want you. Let's start a massive campaign against all military establishments. It's your freedom of movement that's at stake. Remember the miners!

Are You Stupid?

Do you use the words Darkie, Nigger, Paki, Tally, Nig Nog, Coolie, Jew Boy or Honky tonk? Do you really think about what you're saying. If not here is the implications of what you think, consciously or unconsciously.

So you think you are superior to someone else because of their skin colour or race. Thatcher is deliberately creating racism. She uses the Union Jack to 'create' British superiority... especially White British. Her government breaks up families of West Indians, Pakistanis, etc. Yet Zola Budd can come in and out any time. Coloured Single women are given virginity tests. Zola Budd isn't.

Thatcher defends Falklands, 'it's British Soil'. Grenada was also 'British Soil': where was their defence? This government is the most racist we've ever had. ARE YOU PROUD OF BEING THEIR TOOLS?

Racism, Religios Bigotry: together they have been used to divide the working class. Whites, Coloured, Catholics, Protestants, Moslems, Hindus and Jews suffer deprivation when poor. They should all unite to defeat their poverty. To do this they must be united now.

For the workers to end their exploitation they must forget their religion or skin colour. All the working and unemployed class must unite. They are all in the same boat.

Are the British people stupid enough to still fall for tricks like superiority of their race, religion of flag. We hope not. Neither Queen, Flag nor Pope will stop your family's poverty, your family's misery.

As long as the international working class believe in rulers, flags or religious leaders the working class worldwide will always be poor.

Politicians, T.U.C., Unions, City Hall controlled civic bodies won't end your family's poverty.

Only a united working class can do that.

Let's get off our backsides now. Let's get started now. The working class have no nation; only the rich and privileged have nations. THE POOR HAVE ONLY POVERTY.

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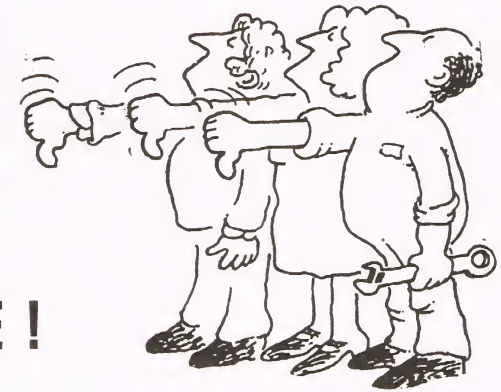


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SPRINGBURN UNITY...



ON SATURDAY the 16th of June there was a large demonstration against closing the Caley. Quite rightly 4½-5 thousand people joined the Demo.

But when it came to the Rally the disappointment came. Shop stewards made stirring speeches, action it seemed they thought they should organise. Politicians suggested nothing could be done with Thatcher's large majority. One MP even suggested militant action ... like writing to George Younger.

Many trade unionists really believe this claptrap. They're not stupid though, some of the speakers even believed their speeches. But all were brainwashed over the years to think that the only positive action to be taken is Vote Labour at Elections, listen to and follow your shopstewards. To do anything different like

think for yourselves, organise yourselves without the consent of shopstewards, trade union leaders or party hacks is a cardinal sin.

The only way of saving the Caley is for the workers to organise themselves. Disregard all politicians and officials when they feel they are being misled, by accident or design. The workers must act themselves even if Shop stewards committees don't approve.

They can occupy works and stop all products leaving and entering works. This is where the local population can help. They can help get food to the occupying workers. For example, buy 10p of food for every £1 of food spent on the family. When enough food is collected, give to the workers. Make sure it is food which can keep like dried milk, tea, coffee, bread, margarine, canned food.

This would be real action against closures. This action could be taken when any work anywhere is threatened.

Miners

Springburn people can help also in miners action. After all the miners and Caley workers are fighting the same war. The war to earn wages to feed their family.

I don't agree 100% with the miners and Caley workers 'right to work'. By this I mean we should all be campaigning for THE RIGHT TO A DECENT STANDARD OF LIVING. Regardless of whether they are working or not. We all need a roof over our heads. We all need food and drink. Whether we have money or not. It's a matter of life and death for all people and their kids... not the profitability of capitalism.

The obscenity of Capitalism in Glasgow is illustrated in the following examples:

ONE COMPANY controls at least 75% of all milk supplies in Glasgow.
ONE COMPANY controls at least 70-80% of all bread supplied in Glasgow.
65% OF FOOD SHOPS in Glasgow are owned by one grocery chain.

Why should we, the citizens of Glasgow, put up with this. A possible answer is printed in another article in this newsheet.

You may be wondering what this has to do with the Caley closure.

It is very relevant by the fact that it is the capitalists' greed which insists on profit that demands the Caley must close despite the destruction of community life in Springburn. They also demand the power to decide whether the people of Glasgow starve or not based on their profit level.

You may be asking what can be done about this. This is what can be done.

FIND OUT why private enterprise controls Springburn Shopping Centre. Surely our 'socialist' councillors could have insisted that the Centre should be turned into community shops where food could be bought at wholesale prices.

FIND OUT why our 'socialist' councillors put their faith in capitalism and not the community.

FIND OUT why the motorway was put in place of a living community, and why Springburn Councillors and MPs allowed the destruction.

Voting against them won't help... they will only be replaced by other puppets for capitalism to control.

So don't vote, act against capitalism and its puppets. Glasgow District Council owes millions to the bankers... so how can they fight them. IT'S UP TO US TO FIGHT THEM. START NOW.



IT'S YOUR SPRINGBURN!

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED about why Springburn has been decimated?

What have you done about it? Perhaps you joined a community council or tenants association. Maybe you harangued your district or regional councillor. You may even have sought help from your MP or even let them and other officials organise petitions and campaigns with your help and support.

Have you ever really thought about what you have done or are doing? Do you really think a Labour government or Council will save Springburn, even when Labour Councillors have lorded over the destruction of Springburn? Labour MPs have made clever speeches while Springburn crumbled into empty spaces and became a motorway.

There is no need to stand by helpless while this is happening. You can unite with neighbours on an equal basis to fight against cuts in Hospitals, schools, nurseries, community centres, shops and libraries. You can tell local authority run and controlled community councils where to go, tenants associations committees to really help communities and not stifle their actions. Tell Councillors, MPs and bureaucrats you can organise without their help.

Unite

Forget 'committee efficiency', take joint action with your neighbours and unite with other housing schemes and areas.

Only local people can organise towards their own social aims. Only the people know what lowers their housing standards and needs. Only the people know where transport and shopping facilities should be placed. It's THEY who suffer when things are cut or badly planned. Help make a free and REAL community fightback possible.

Don't set up committees, as even well-meaning committees can believe they are the only voice of the community.

The youth population can also be part of Springburn activities as they will have to campaign for youth club facilities.

The pensioners who are able to can also unite with the youth for the same reasons.

Children under 13 years old also need leisure places such as parks and playcentres. That is where parents can help in activities. They can also join the action and the battle for these places.

The parents themselves need leisure places. Pubs and Bookie shops are not enough. Bingo Halls are not

enough. Springburn can support at least one cinema, one theatre. Every housing scheme and area can support at least one genuine community shop where food and household needs can be bought and sold at wholesale prices. All that's needed is someone or some people to add up and order a total of say a total of 100 or even 1000 homes shopping lists and make a standing order with large wholesale companies, Bakers and Dairymen. They can even organise their own Bakeries, Dairies, Wholesale stores if they set their minds to it, and why not set up their own clothes and shoe shops while they're at it? They can even organise themselves together as handymen in all ways according to their hobbies.

The unemployed can dig gardens for the disabled and elderly. The children can shop for the disabled and elderly. Minor repairs can be organised on a similar basis for the whole community. Bus runs can be organised, childrens parties can be organised. Joint baby-sitting can be organised in order to let parents have some time to themselves.

For example if Springburn action groups had been set up perhaps they could have run campaigns to save jobs in Springburn with and without the help of shopstewards committees.

This can still be done. So let's all organise together and have a real community, before it's too late to do anything.



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THE STARS IN THIS SHOW are the Planners. They design houses with cost in mind. It was they who designed High Rise flats, with tiny kitchens fit only for dolls houses. The people who work in these kitchens don't find them amusing...

Cold concrete built these buildings. I wouldn't call them homes. To be a real home means creating humanity and compassion. They consist of long dull depressing corridors, with wooden portals. These portals lead to tiny alcoves with 3 or 4 smaller cells, akin to monks cells in the middle ages, except that they don't have the warmth of a monks cell. Instead they are sober, devoid of character.

Inside these cells the inhabitants were once cheery people who conversed together and once had social intercourse. They once lived in cozy tenements. All the tenements were not so cozy though. Some had dampness. Some let in the rain. But that could be fixed provided the factor was willing to do repairs.

You can repair concrete. You can repair wood. You will find it difficult to repair loneliness.

These unfortunates are sent to their fates, like the dark angels to hell. The mighty deities in the City Chambers consigned the people from their imperfect peace to the permanent gloom of the high rise flat. The people were trying to improve their lot. The bureaucrats in Charles St. put a stop to that.

The high rise dwellers can fight back. But not as long as they depend on councillors and MPs. They must organise their own defence against the bastion of bureaucracy and callous profit making.



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